

**Breaking Ground on Two New Parks  
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Two exciting community park projects break ground in Carmel Valley in April. Each of these eagerly-awaited parks will serve the children and families of our communities for years to come, and are the product of much collaboration between the City and local residents.

The Carmel Valley skate facility is a project three years in the making. In 2005, based on the great success of the Rancho Peñasquitos skate park, we began work to change the Carmel Valley Community Plan to include such a facility here. The idea was well-received in the community, and many residents and skateboarders volunteered their time at a series of workshops to provide input on the site design.

Last year, a conceptual design was agreed upon by the Carmel Valley Planning Board and sent to the City for review. In December, the City Council gave the green light to solicit bids for the project. A contractor was selected earlier this year, 3D Enterprise of San Diego, and work began this month.

The 33,000 square foot facility includes a three-part “bowl” area, ramps, steps and other surfaces to suit both novice and experienced skaters. The park will also include shaded areas, restrooms, an observation area and dedicated parking. The property is immediately adjacent to the Northwestern Police Substation, which should provide peace of mind to parents and community members.

I invite you to join us on Friday, April 4 for a celebration to mark the start of construction. Come meet the construction team, review site plans and learn more about this fun new project. We’ll gather at El Camino Real and Elijah Court at 3:00 p.m.

Work also begins on Carmel Valley Community Park South, immediately adjacent to the East Ocean Air Elementary School. The 15-acre facility will include joint-use fields, open play fields and ball fields, two tot lots, a recreation building, basketball courts, a restroom facility and sheltered picnic tables. Construction is expected to last about a year. In response to concerns from the community, I encouraged Mayor Jerry Sanders and his staff to expedite construction of the joint-use fields, which will be shared by the elementary school.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with so many residents on these and other park projects in Carmel Valley and the communities of Council District One. In the past seven years, we built 12 new parks and performed major renovations in 22 others. These parks will continue to serve our communities for many years. They are a living legacy to the hard work and dedication of our community leaders and residents.